

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Gordon Vance, on February 2, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Lee Randall, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R)  
Rep. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)  
Rep. Diane Sands (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Stephanie Fletcher, Committee Secretary  
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 290, 2/2/2011; HB 298, 2/2/2011; HB 319, 2/2/2011

Executive Action: HB 298, HB 319

00:00:03 Chairman Vance

**HEARING ON HB 298**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:53 Rep. Walter McNutt (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 298, Revise GVW laws on trucks.

**EXHIBIT(trh26a01)**

00:06:05 Chairman Vance

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:06:19 Director Jim Lynch, Department of Transportation (DOT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:32 Rep. Squires

00:09:17 Rep. McNutt

00:09:56 Rep. Squires

00:10:18 Rep. McNutt

00:10:56 Chairman Vance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:11:06 Rep. McNutt

**HEARING ON HB 319**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:11:14 Rep. Walter McNutt (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 319, Require contractors to list special fuel users' permit on bids for govt projects.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:13:24 Director Lynch, DOT

00:17:57 Chairman Vance

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:18:12 Rep. McNutt

**HEARING ON HB 290**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:32 Rep. Jon Sesso (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB 290, Generally revise laws governing public road access.

00:26:06 Chairman Vance

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:26:28 John Gibson, Billings

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(trh26a02\)\*\*](#)

00:34:34 Chairman Vance

00:34:40 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:35:25 Larry Copenhaver, Montana Wildlife Federation, Conservation Director

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(trh26a03\)\*\*](#)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(trh26a04\)\*\*](#)

00:45:30 Rod Bullis, self

00:47:34 Tony Schoonen, State Lands Coalition

00:49:31 John Ostlund, Yellowstone County Commissioner

00:51:23 Lorry Thomas

00:52:07 Gordon Morris, MACRS

00:53:07 LeRoy Mahring, Skyline Sports, Butte

00:53:47 John Borgreen, Russell Country Sportsman Association

00:54:18 Richard Douglass

00:55:11 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters and Anglers

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:56:19 Patrick Heffernan, Montana Wood Products Association

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(trh26a05\)\*\*](#)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(trh26a06\)\*\*](#)

00:59:11 Kerry White, Citizens For Balanced Use

01:03:44 Bob Gilbert, Dawson County and Rosebud County

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(trh26a07\)\*\*](#)

01:06:53 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

01:09:41 Chuck Denowh, United Properties Owners of Montana

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(trh26a08\)\*\*](#)

01:13:24 Alan Wright, self

01:15:39 Gordon Stoner, President of Montana Grain Growers

01:16:28 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

01:18:32 Carol Lambert, Women Involved in Farm Economics

01:20:56 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association  
01:22:03 Chairman Vance

**Informational Testimony:**

01:22:15 Tom Schultz, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:23:24 Rep. Rosendale  
01:24:11 Rep. Sesso  
01:27:32 Chairman Vance  
01:27:40 Rep. Rosendale  
01:28:16 Rep. Sesso  
01:28:20 Chairman Vance  
01:28:21 Rep. Smith  
01:28:49 Gordon Morris  
01:29:28 Rep. Smith  
01:29:42 Gordon Morris  
01:30:14 Chairman Vance  
01:30:19 Rep. Arntzen  
01:30:52 Rep. Sesso  
01:31:02 Rep. Berry  
01:31:23 John Ostlin  
01:33:08 Chairman Vance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:33:19 Rep. Sesso  
  
01:37:16 Chairman Vance

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 298**

01:38:04     **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Randall moved that **HB 298 DO PASS.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 319**

01:38:28     **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Randall moved that **HB 319 DO PASS.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:38:57      Chairman Vance adjourned the meeting.

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Stephanie Fletcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([trh26aad.pdf](#))